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LINE SWITCHES BY C-DOT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether C-DoT propose to supply and develop 80,000 line switch;

(b) if so, the details alongwith objectives and purpose thereof:

(c) whether such switches have become outdated and obsolete in the face of spread of cellular technology;

(d) whether the Government have made any assessment of investing funds in technical ideas which have become inefficient from the point of capital deployment; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. C-DoT is developing a 80,000 lines switch. The switch will be supplied by C-DoT equipment manufacturers.

(b) The development aims at increasing the subscriber capacity of the exchange. It will result in reduction in price, power consumption and space requirement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Assessment of technical ideas is a continuous process. As technology is changing at a fast pace, it is utilized for upgrading the existing C-DoT telecom products to make them more efficient and economical. The C-DoT budget provides for such upgradations.